

The Washington Church.

Since my communication of last week the church property in Washington, D. C., heretofore referred to, has been purchased in the name of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church.

Price and terms as follows: Real estate, fifty-six (\$5600) hundred dollars; furniture, one (\$100) hundred dollars; total, fifty-seven (\$5700) hundred dollars.

An option of three (\$300) hundred dollars has been paid to hold good until April 1 next, when settlement in full is to be made.

On the above amount a mortgage loan of three (\$3,000) thousand dollars is promised, thus leaving the sum of twenty-seven (\$2700) hundred dollars to be raised by the church by April 1, and failing to do this would result in the loss of the three (\$300) hundred dollars paid on account, unless by the merest accident we should be able to dispose of the property again without loss.

Now brethren, sisters and friends you all know what must be done to finally secure the much talked of and long hoped for church in the capitol of our nation. If any of you think that this money can and will be raised without your help, you are deceiving yourself, the result of which will be chagrin and disappointment to yourself and to everybody else at all concerned in the matter.

In EVANGELIST No. 5, Brother Ridenour made an urgent call for 5900 members to at once send in one dollar each for the purchase of the church. Well, one dollar has already come in response to that call. Praise the Lord for the dollar, and may He abundantly bless the donor. If everybody has done as much that is abundantly able to do it, we would already have the money to pay off the entire amount. Do you see brethren how easily you could pay off this debt all at once without ever knowing the difference in the affairs of your life?

Well, under present arrangements, we can get along with \$2700 instead of \$5900. Some \$350 is already paid in and some \$500 or more subscribed, the necessary amount of new subscriptions is thus reduced to less than \$2000. *I do not know how to say pointedly enough that we must have this latter amount by April 1.*

Remember settlement must be made by April 1 or the option forfeited, consequently remittances must be made before that date so we may know whether we can finally consummate the deal or not.

First. Will all those that have made pledges heretofore promptly remit the amount.

Second. Will all the pastors kindly bring this matter urgently before their respective congregations, and collect all the money they possibly can.

Third. Will everyone send in a contribution whether personally appealed to or not.

Properly all moneys ought to be sent to the secretary of the missionary board, who is responsible for all the accounts, but if more convenient or agreeable to remit to Brother

Lyon, 315 9th st., S. E., Washington, D. C., or David Augustine, the treasurer, South Bend, Ind., all right, these will promptly report to me.

JACOB C. CASSEL,

Secretary M. B. of the B. C.

No 915 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

From the National Capitol

This week I know that I have most glorious news for all from "Dan to Beersheba." The church property which has already been briefly described in BRETHREN EVANGELIST, was secured yesterday by an advance payment and turned over to us for immediate occupancy, and the Lord willing, we hold our first services there on Sunday morning, February 11, so that before you read this we will have held several meetings in our own, long-looked for, long prayed-for, and much-needed church home in the Capitol City. Now this beautiful church home has come into our possession in a most wonderful way, and with one of old we can only exclaim, "It is the Lord's doings and it is marvelous in our eyes." Praise His holy name! And since this is to be a *Memorial Church*, for such it must truly be in one very important sense, for it has been purchased by our National Mission Board for the general brotherhood, and will therefore stand as a monument to the memory of all who contribute in any way, be it much or little, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the north to the south, and remember that while it will be spoken of as "The First Brethren Church" of Washington, D. C., yet it will be *yours*, just as much as *ours*, therefore, we do most sincerely trust and pray that the entire brotherhood will at once rise up as *one man* and swell this "memorial fund" so that when April 1, 1900, shall come every dollar will be ready. What a grand example that would be and how easy it should be for fifteen thousand people who profess to love Jesus supremely and follow Him wherever He leads! Think of the "Dewey home" fund, and the "Lawton" fund, and how easily and quickly they became enormous. How much easier it should be to honor Him who laid down His life that we might have a home in Heaven! If we are to be a representative people we should by all means have our own home and *have it paid for* in the representative city! And don't forget, there is a "book of remembrance" being kept and when you visit this beautiful city you will want to rest awhile in your own church home, and while resting, it will be most refreshing to know that your "name is written" in that "book of remembrance" which will be found there. That will do you more good than to visit the White House and shake hands with the president. And please bear in mind that "The First Brethren Church" of Washington, D. C., tho very poor financially, and few in number, are going to do their part and this you will see, too, by and by when the "books are opened."

But I cannot close without reporting a letter which will speak for itself:

GLOVER'S GAP, W. VA., Feb. 5, 1900.

Brother W. M. Lyon:

Enclosed find \$1 00 for Washington City church in accordance with Brother Ridenour's proposition. Hope everybody may respond to this appeal that we may soon have the church. I am too far from any church to attend myself, but I like for others to have the privilege I cannot have.

MARY A. SNYDER

I want to add that Sister Snyder sent in \$5 00 to this fund away back in January, 1899, besides contributing very liberally and regularly toward current expenses, etc., and I understand that she is poor in earthly possessions. Our thanks are due to Brother Ridenour. Surely his proposition is a most reasonable one. "National pride" alone, to say nothing about the love of Jesus, should prompt any person to respond, at any rate it seems so to me.

Another baptism last Friday night, and still another applicant on Sunday morning. Pray for us.

In His name,

W. M. LYON

315 9th st., S. E., Feb 8, 1900.

Chicago Mission

Dear readers:—This morning the EVANGELIST, was handed to me and in reading thru it I found much comfort, instruction and good news from all over the brotherhood. I rejoice in the *good* that is being done, and thank God for the salvation of precious souls, and the manifested interest to press outward and onward for the increasing of God's Kingdom. I rejoice in the prospect of Waterloo having a church building. I know something of the need of one there, and it has long been my desire that the Waterloo brothers and sisters should have a house of their own in which to worship. I shall never forget when we started our cottage prayer meetings in 1895, some few objected and thought it useless. The first meeting was held at sister Syvilla Lichty's, twelve present. God certainly heard and answered our prayers. Brother Gillin has ever since always spoken so encouragingly of the "Waterloo cottage prayer meetings." The S. S. C. E. have labored hard and earnestly in hopes of some time helping to erect there a "House of the Lord." God's help and blessings rest upon them all.

Let us go back to our capital city. A good letter from Brother Cassel telling of the church we may own there. Are we interested in our mission there? Ah yes! Washington Mission is dear to me as well as our own little mission in Chicago. My earnest prayer is that the Washington congregation may have a home in which to work and worship. How many *can* give to help, how many *will* give? I feel sad that I am cut off from giving to all such urgent calls. I was thankful when I could give tho it was ever so little, but since I am in the work here, I have nothing from which to save for such purposes. I can only pray. God guide and bless every effort. There are many other places we